

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2017
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School, on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Mary Scalercio

Officials: Mayor Barbara Carrier, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Secretary-Treasurer Diane Vierling

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2017 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. Holly Merriman moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Bill Monski. Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reported that “Emergency Management” was the key topic of discussion at the Mayors & Presidents Breakfast held on November 4th. Mayor Carrier and President Huddleston thanked Diane Vierling for coordinating this well attended event.

Bill Monski will replace Barbara Carrier as Glen Osborne’s Emergency Management Coordinator. And Barbara Carrier will become the Borough’s representative at QVCOG meetings.

Mayor Carrier commended the Sewickley Police Department for the excellent job they are doing in the school zone.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled for December 11, 2017. As a condition of closing, and willingness to purchase 1107 Beaver Road, a prospective buyer has requested a variance in order to expand the rear of the existing garage. (The extension would run along the rear property line.)

The Borough received \$8,820 Real Estate Transfer Tax from Allegheny County for the month of October.

Among this month's payments are reimbursement checks totaling \$3,753, to four Glen Osborne property owners who overpaid their 2017 real estate taxes.

The Borough Secretary reported that resident Ian McConnell, 403 Orchard Street, requested that the Borough provide leaf collection to the residents throughout Glen Osborne. President Huddleston stated that Council had considered this option, and determined that it was not the Borough's responsibility to remove residents' leaves. Therefore, the 2018 budget does not provide for residential leaf collection.

The Borough Secretary received an email from Jarod Stewart, who expressed interest in becoming a Council member. In accordance with section 801 of the Borough Code, one complete/continuous year of residency is required in order to be eligible to serve as a Borough Council member. Mr. Stewart has resided at 1440 Beaver Road less than a year. Council applauded his interest and will consider Mr. Stewart's request in the coming months, if an opening remains.

"Write-in" results from the recent election will not be available from Allegheny County Department of Elections until mid-December.

The Borough's "Reorganization Meeting" will be held January 2, 2018. Council agreed to hold the January committee meetings on the same night.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Mary Scalercio announced that Cochran Hose will assist with the Osborne Holiday Tree at Osborne Elementary School on Saturday, December 2nd at 12:45 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Lynn Sopp's students at Osborne Elementary School will make ornaments for the tree. The Borough will send flowers to Ms. Sopp in appreciation for her assistance.

John Wick has hung the holiday flags and will complete decorating the bridges with greenery and bows.

PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, to offer \$629 to Jeff Bates to repair the damage to his driveway resulting from construction related activities to Sycamore Road, providing that Mr. Bates signs a release stating that the Borough is no longer liable for any damages to his driveway. Solicitor Stone will prepare a “full and final release of any and all claims” that must be signed by Mr. Bates prior to receiving payment.

John Orndorff is exploring the possibility of replacing the remaining 11 sodium vapor street lights with LED's. The estimated cost would be approximately \$1,200. He will contact Duquesne Light to see if the LED conversion program is still available.

Mr. Orndorff contacted Traffic Systems Services and requested an annual inspection of the Haysville traffic signals which should cost \$250.

BILLS

A check detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the

Solicitor. John Orndorff motioned payment of the bills. Holly Merriman seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

QVCOG

Holly Merriman represented the Borough at the November QVCOG meeting. Our membership dues for 2018 will remain \$2,200.

OLD BUSINESS

John Orndorff is a board member of the Ohio River Trail Council. He would like to see Glen Osborne perceived as a “bicycle friendly” community by placing signs, throughout the Borough, marking the Ohio River Trail. The Ohio River Trail Council is willing to purchase the signs and the posts, as long as the Borough would be responsible for the expense of installing them. Glen Osborne would be the first municipality to install the signs along the Beaver Road corridor. Council agreed to take this suggestion under advisement for the next meeting.

FINANCE

Holly Merriman thanked Diane Vierling for her work in preparation of the 2018 Budget. President Huddleston commended Ms. Vierling for the well-constructed and easy to read format of the budget.

On motion of Thomas Huddleston, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 5 – 0, to adopt the proposed 2018 Budget, and a tax ordinance with a proposed millage rate of 5.2 for 2018, and authorize the Secretary to advertise both for adoption at the December Council Meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:21 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary